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Maine Farmer.

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Our Home, our Country, and our Brother Man.

Sheep as a Means of Improving our Farms.

EDWARD MAINE FARMER.—I think of turning my attention more to keeping sheep, and would be glad of any suggestions which you may give. I am told that sheep are the best stock by which to renovate a farm, and would like to have you tell me what is done. I think my farm is well adapted to sheep. Truly yours,

A YOUNG FARMER.

Addison Point, Nov. 10, 1862.

As we said in our last week's issue, we would not advise farmers to be in a hurry to dispose of their other farm stock and go into sheep-raising. It is better to have all kinds of stock, for the same reason that it is better to cultivate a number of crops than to depend mainly upon one. The season proves unfavorable for one crop, a reliance can be had upon the others. So with stock; if the times are favorable to sheep-raising, and farmers dispose of their horses and neat stock and go into keeping sheep only, a sudden decline in the price of wool may cause them a serious loss.

Yet there is no doubt that sheep-raising is a most profitable branch of farming, and can be made a paying pursuit at much cheaper rates for wool than it has been held at for the last few months. But confounding our remarks to the question proposed in the above query, we will say a few words upon the means of improving land by keeping sheep.

Sheep are better adapted to sandy land or soil of a light character, than to any other; and it is of this character that is most benefited by being compressed by the treading of animals.

Sheep perform this more perfectly than any other stock. Where land is light, it is very often the case that a sod forms with difficulty, and it is liable to be blown away in winter; but if sheep are pastured upon this soil, it becomes compressed by being trodden down, and this, together with the manure deposited upon it, soon causes a sod to form, and the value of the pasture is greatly increased.

In a letter from the Commissioner of Agriculture, in answer to a query in regard to this work, we take the liberty of making the following extracts:

Farm Items.

To PREVENT HORSES FROM JUMPING. We know it is not jumping times, or rather pasturing times, but here is an important item which it is well not to pass by. A correspondent of the *Iowa Homestead* was riding with a friend and observed that one of the horses had a hole in each ear. On inquiring the cause he learned that it was to keep the horse from jumping. "Why," said he, "a horse don't jump with his ears." "You are mistaken," replied his friend; "a horse jumps as much with his ears as with his feet, and unless he can have free use of his ears he cannot jump." He ties the two ears together and has no more trouble with the horse.

A NOVEL STUMP PULLER. A writer in the *Rural Register* states that he removed a large stump from near his house in the following manner: In the fall, with an inch auger, he bored a hole in the centre of the stump ten inches deep, and into it put about half a pound of oil of vitriol, and corked the hole up tight. In the spring, the whole stump and roots, extending through all their ramifications, were so rotten that they were easily eradicated. This is a cheap and easy way of removing stumps.

"Lower Canada Agriculturist."

"If this paper gives us credit hereafter for the article which it copies from our column, we shall be happy to continue to exchange. Two or three articles under the editorial head of the last *Agriculturist* are taken entire from the *Farmer*, without credit, and these are not the first occurrences of the kind."—*E. Farmer.*

We also notice in the same number two articles of our own, copied without credit, and we have noticed the same thing heretofore.

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THE MAINE FARMER: AN

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Augusta, Thursday, Nov. 20, 1862.

Notice.

Mr. S. N. Tabor will call upon subscribers in the counties of Hancock and Washington.

C. W. Swart of South Paris, will call upon subscribers in Androscoggin County.

M. P. Weeks of China, will call upon subscribers in Lincoln and Kennebec.

Mrs. Warner, from Hartland, will call upon subscribers in Somerset County.

The War News of the Week.

In the excitement of war, and the business of raising and forwarding troops, which has engrossed so large a share of our attention during the past year, we have entirely overlooked our industrial pursuits near home, which, notwithstanding the war have continued to prosper and to do much business as in previous years. One day last week we visited the various manufacturing establishments in this city and found a large amount of business being done, and gathered many items relating to its various branches which we hope will be of interest.

The army is now said to be in splendid fighting condition, and eager for action. It has been organized into three grand divisions, Gen. Hooker commanding the center, Gen. Sumner the right, and Gen. Franklin the left. Gen. Sigel is entrusted with the reserve, and will not be likely to look idly on, like Porter at Antietam, when the aid of a column of fresh troops at a critical moment, might have changed the fortunes of the entire campaign. Within a few days, according to present indications, the forward movement will be recommended.

In the meantime we have accounts of several dashing cavalry reconnoissances and artillery reconnaissances, which serve admirably to keep the men in practice. We give an account in another column of the brilliant cavalry exploits of Captain Dahlgren at Fredericksburg, and of Lieut. Ashurst on Warren. On Friday a force under Gen. Sturgis, while on the march from Sulphur Springs to Fayetteville, was suddenly opened upon by a rebel battery. After a spirited artillery duel for two hours the rebels were driven off and the column resumed its march. Gen. Sturgis narrowly escaped, his horse being struck with a cannon shot. On Monday a large force of rebel cavalry, artillery and infantry made an attack upon Gen. Pleasanton at Amesville. Pleasanton having no infantry support, was compelled to fall back; but reinforcements from Gen. Wilcox coming up, the rebels were driven back with severe loss.

In Western Virginia, active operations are going on. The enemy have abandoned the Kanawha valley and joined the main army of Lee and Jackson. It is reported that Gen. Cox with a large Federal force is advancing on Staunton, which will have the effect to withdraw a large portion of Lee's army for the protection of that important point. Gen. Wright telegraphs to the War Department from his headquarters at Cincinnati, that Gen. Kelley on the 10th inst., attacked Colonel Tabb's camp, eighteen miles south of Mansfield, Hocking county, Va., routed him completely, killing and wounding many and capturing his camp, fifty prisoners, a quantity of arms, horses, cattle, &c. The rebels were entirely dispersed and fled to the mountains.

The rebel army, which, according to former accounts, had threatened Nashville, are now rapidly retreating southward, and are said to be concentrating at Chattanooga under Buckner, Bishop Polk and Breckinridge. The rise of water in the Cumberland and Tennessee rivers will soon enable our gunboats to co-operate with Rosecrans in his contemplated movement into Eastern Tennessee, the only portion of the State now in rebel possession.

The expedition of Gen. Foster, which left Newbern, North Carolina, the 30th ult., by way of Albemarle Sound for Washington county, for the purpose of destroying or capturing a large force of the enemy in that vicinity, returned on the 9th inst. The main object of the movement failed of accomplishment, owing, it is said, to the incompetency of an acting Brigadier General; but severe punishment was inflicted upon the rebels. The towns of Hamilton and Williamsburg were captured, the former place being burned down as our forces retired.

We have late intelligence from New Orleans. Among the items of interest, are the details of an expedition under Gen. Weitzel, up the river, and some brisk fighting, which resulted in the defeat of the enemy, with a loss of two hundred in killed, wounded and prisoners. Our own loss was 18 killed and 74 wounded. The forces engaged on our part were the 8th New Hampshire, 12th and 13th Connecticut, 75th New York and 1st Louisiana regiments, with two batteries, one of which was the 1st Maine, Capt. Thompson.

The campaign in Gen. Grant's department is in active progress. On the 13th his army occupied Holly Springs, Miss., where it was supposed Gen. Price intended making a stand. He has retreated southward however, and Gen. Grant will continue the pursuit. Some skirmishing had occurred in the vicinity of the Springs. On the 14th five regiments of rebel cavalry advanced from Lumpkin's Mills to within two miles of Holly Springs. Skirmishing commenced and continued for some time. The rebels lost six killed and seven commissioned officers were captured.

A number of important prizes have been recently captured by our blockading fleet in the Gulf. The United States steamer Montgomery brought a rebel steamer as a prize into Baltimore on the 10th, loaded with arms and ammunition, on her way to Mobile. She was taken after a chase of seven hours, within fifty miles of that port, and was found to be the Caroline, commanded by Capt. Forbes of New Orleans, but formerly known as the Arizona. The United States gunboat Saginaw captured the English schooner Trier, from Nassau, with a cargo of one hundred bags of salt and miscellaneous articles on the 23d ult. On the 23d ult. the gunboat captured the English schooner Francis, from Nassau, with salt, powder and gun. The schooner Rachel Sewardman, on the 6th ult., captured, off Sabine Pass, the English schooner Daret. The steamer Kensington recently captured the English schooner Adventure, attempting to run the blockade of the coast of Texas.

Gen. Hunter has been restored to the command of the Southern Department of the army, made vacant by the death of Gen. Mitchell.

Gen. Fremont has been ordered to report at Washington for duty. On Saturday he had a long interview with President Lincoln. He will probably be entrusted with an important command.

Recent arrivals bring the gratifying intelligence that the whole seaboard of Texas is held by our naval forces. An adequate land force is now only needed to occupy important points, when it is confidently expected that the entire State will return to its old allegiance.

To the inquiry of a correspondent, we reply that when company or regimental officers have been chosen from the quota of nine months men, the town is required to make good the deficiency, so that the number of drafted or enlisted men in the ranks shall be equal to the whole quota called for from the State. This we understand to be the rule adopted by the State authorities on the subject.

WATERVILLE COLLEGE. "The Watervilleian," is the title of a small sheet issued by the students of this College, and devoted to college matters. It contains lists of officers and members of the various organizations and societies, connected with the institution. The "Roll of Honor" gives the names of 119 graduates, who are now serving in the armies of their country. Under the guardianship of President Chapman the interests of the College are being most faithfully carried out, and the number of students now at the Institution indicates a degree of prosperity highly commendable for the times.

REORGANIZATION OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC. Gen. Burnside announces the organization of three grand divisions, the right to be commanded by Gen. E. V. Sumner, the left by Gen. W. B. Franklin, and the center by Gen. Joseph Hooker. Another portion of the army will constitute a reserve force under the command of Gen. F. Sigel. Gen. Seth Williams, A. A. G., is appointed Inspector General of the Adjutant General's Department of the Army.

Rev. H. C. Leonard of Waterville, has been transferred from the Chaplaincy of the 3d to that of the 18th Maine regiment. At the last accounts the 18th was performing duty as an artillery regiment, and stationed at Forts Franklin, Ripley and Alexander near Georgetown, D. C.

In the list of Patents recently granted we notice the following to parties in Maine. George M. Clements of Kenduskeag for improvement in cultivators; Alex. C. Currier of Hallowell for improved shot-proof dome or cupola.

Barley is quoted in the New York price current at \$1.55 per bushel. It is selling in this city for 90 cents.

AGRICULTURAL AND FAMILY

NEWSPAPER.

THE REMOVAL OF GEN. McCLELLAN. The most diverse feeling and opinion has been expressed in reference to the removal of Gen. McClellan from the command of the army. A few bitter partisan papers persist in attributing the measure to improper political and personal motives on the part of the Government, while the great majority of the public are inclined to accept it as a present military necessity and an evidence of a determination to prosecute the war with a greater vigor and efficiency than has ever marked its previous progress. The New York *Times*, whose means of correct information are probably equal to those of any other public journal, gives currency to the following speculations and suggestions upon the subject:

"There are purely military considerations that, to me, of ourselves, sufficiently explain his removal. You will remember I put it on record at the time of his appointment, that the first movement of the army had been made from Maryland into Virginia, that Gen. McClellan was entering upon a campaign in which he had no faith—that the advance was made against his will, against his protestations, and on the imperative order of the President. Not only is this fact (which I believe to be true) but that other statements made by him, particularly in his address to Congress, were entirely made in the face of apparent facts is also true: the movement of the army has not been toward Richmond, but toward winter quarters. That is the only positive conviction which I have found at head-quarters, where a spirit of universal indifference and skepticism seems to reign, is that a fall campaign would be inconvenient, unnecessary, and absurd. Geo. 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Departure of Gen. McClellan from Warren—His Farewell Order to the Army.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—Major General McClellan and personal staff left Warrenton at 11 o'clock today. On reaching Warrenton Junction a salute was fired. The troops, who had been drawn up in line, afterward broke ranks, when the soldiers crowded around him, and many eagles called for a few parting words. He said in response, while on the platform of the railroad depot:

"I wish you to stand by Gen. Burnside as you have stood by me, and all will be well. Good bye."

To this there was a spontaneous and enthusiastic response.

The following farewell order was read to the troops by the Adjutant of the Potowmack Cavalry, during the parade:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOWMACK, Camp near Reston, Va., Nov. 7, 1862.

Officers and Soldiers of the Army of the Potowmack: An order of the President devolves upon Major General Burnside the command of this army. In parting with you I cannot express the love and gratitude I bear to you. As an army you have grown up under my care. In battle you have fought under me or coldness. The rebels you have fought under me with pride and honor in our nation's interests. The gallantry you have achieved—our mutual perils and fatigues, the graves of our comrades, fallen in battle and disease—the broken forms of those whom wounds and sickness disabled—the strongest associations which can exist among men—unite us still by an indissoluble tie. We shall ever be comrades in supporting the Constitution of our country and the Nationality of its people.

Gen. B. McGEORGE,
Major General U. S. Army.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOWMACK, WARRENTON, Nov. 10.—Gen. McClellan and staff accompanied by Gen. Burnside, to-day bid farewell to this army, visiting in succession the several army corps. As the General rode through the camp he was saluted by each of the regiments as he passed, and were dipped to greet him, while the thousands of soldiers gave vent to their feelings in continuous rounds of cheers and applause.

The following order was issued by Gen. Burnside on taking command of the army:

In accordance with General Orders No. 132, issued by the President of the United States, I hereby assume command of the army of the Potowmack. Pursuant to my orders, I will exert every energy in the direction of this army, aided by the fall and hearty co-operation of its officers and men, will, I hope, under the blessing of God, insure its success. Having been a sharer of the privations, and a witness of the bravery of the old army of the Potowmack, I am fully satisfied with their conduct in this field, and fully identified with them in their feelings of respect and esteem for Gen. McClellan, entitling me to a share of his confidence and assistance with him, I feel that it is not as a stranger I assume command. To the Ninth Army Corps, so long and intimately associated with me, I need say nothing. Our histories are identical. With confidence in the unwavering loyalty and determination of the gallant army now entrusted to my care, I accept its control with the steadfast assurance that the just cause will triumph.

A. E. BURNside.
Major General Commanding.

From the Army in Virginia—Reported Possession of the Rebel Forces.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11. Accounts from Massachusetts Junction to-day say the railroads in good order from Catlett's Station to Warrenton Junction, including the Cent. R. R. bridge, and up to the Potowmack.

Contrabands coming into our lines at Rappahannock station report Livestock in command. The rebel forces are at Culpeper and Gen. Lee, who commands the whole rebel army, also has his headquarters there. They say Gen. A. P. Hill's force continues with Jackson somewhere in the valley, and Lingstord's force and the others at Culpeper were thrown there to prevent the Yankees from getting between the main body of the rebel army and Richmond. They say that on Saturday last Jackson's was moving toward Culpeper.

News from Nashville—Movements of the Enemy.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 11. Accounts from the railroads report that, as far as we know, all the rebels are buried in the former died is killed by the hands of military

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